

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10-48 are pending. Claim 20 is amended.

Applicants note that claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-19, and 27-47 are allowed.

The Examiner has not rejected claim 48, but it is assumed that the Examiner intended to reject claim 48 as anticipated by Bird since claim 48 depends from claim 20.

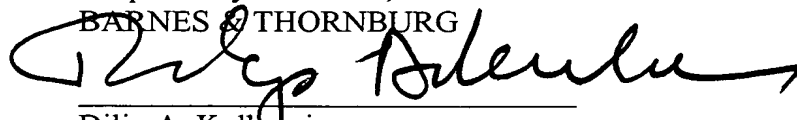
Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 20-26 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 3,454,000 to Bird et al. ("Bird") is requested. It is believed that amended independent claim 20, and dependent claims 21-26 and 48, are not anticipated by Bird at least for any one of the reasons given below.

Regarding claim 20, Bird does not disclose or suggest in any way, shape or form that "the pressure generator provides the oscillating pressure at at least one frequency between about 5 pressure cycles per second and about 25 pressure cycles per second." Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that amended independent claim 20, and dependent claims 21-26 and 48, are not anticipated by Bird, and hence withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection thereof is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendment and supporting remarks, the subject application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview would expedite the allowance of this application, he is requested to contact the undersigned for a prompt resolution of any outstanding issues.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages and other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to file 7175-74147.

Respectfully submitted,
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